

REMARKS

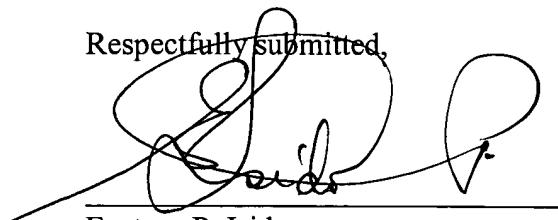
This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated May 5, 2003. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome a restriction requirement. No new matter has been added, and Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the claims.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Examiner divided Applicants claims into Group A and Group B, subject to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and requested Applicant elect one group for prosecution. Applicants have reviewed the claims of Group B relative to those of Group A and have made the Group B claim dependent on the Group A claims. This amendment places the Group B claim in the same class and subclass as the Group A claims and removes the requirement for an election of one group over the other.

Further, since the claims are not subject to any other rejections or objections, the amendment also places the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request issuance of Notice of Allowance for the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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